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Bangor Man Sentenced on Federal Drug Charges

Bangor, Maine: United States Attorney Paula D. Silsby announced that **Manuel Horta**, 29, of Bangor, Maine, was sentenced on March 21, 2008, in U.S. District Court in Bangor, Maine, to 63 months imprisonment, four years supervised release, and \$200 in special assessments, for distribution of cocaine and distribution of cocaine base. Horta pleaded guilty on October 10, 2007.

Court records revealed that on August 30, 2006, as part of an investigation by the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration ("DEA") Bangor Task Force, a DEA cooperating informant purchased a half ounce of cocaine and a half ounce of cocaine base from Horta. An additional 300 grams of cocaine, two firearms, and in excess of \$6,000 were seized from Horta's residence and two separate stash locations as part of the DEA's further investigation.

United States Attorney Silsby praised the investigation conducted by the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration, and the assistance provided by the Bangor Office of U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement.

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